

Remarks

Reconsideration of the captioned application as amended herewith and in view of the following Remarks and Arguments is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 9 - 15 will be pending in the application.

Claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 9 – 11, and 13 – 15 stand rejected as being unpatentable over RD 382014 A in combination with WO 9925318 to Pung et al. ("318"). Claim 12 stands rejected as being unpatentable over RD 382014 A in combination with '318, in further combination with United States Patent No. 5,116,563 to Thomas et al. ("563").

Amendments To The Claims

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended to require the substrate to be loaded with a composition selected from a skin care composition and a hair care composition. Support for these amendments comes from page 7, lines 5 – 10 of the specification as filed.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) Have Been Overcome

Claims 1, 3 – 5, 7, 9 – 11, and 12 – 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 (a) as being unpatentable over the combination of RD 382014 A with '318 and '563. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that RD 382014 teaches textured articles with raised elements, but acknowledged that the reference does not teach the claimed substrate. The Examiner then relied on '318 for teachings related to wipe substrates. The Examiner also acknowledged that RD 382014 and '318 do not teach the claimed coating techniques, and relied upon '563 for teachings related to coating techniques.

As amended, the present invention requires a substrate that has raised elements and is loaded with a composition selected from a skin care composition and a hair care composition. The articles of the present invention provide a wipe that may be utilized to deliver skin care or hair care compositions to the skin or hair. The raised dots on the articles of the present invention further provide at least one surface of the article that is useful for exfoliating the skin. Applicants respectfully submit that the references relied upon by the Examiner do not teach or suggest an article that can be utilized to exfoliate the skin, as well as to deliver skin care or hair care compositions to the skin or hair.

Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of the references does not provide the present invention. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and therefore respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that this Amendment places the case in condition for allowance, therefore
Applicants respectfully request passage of the Claims to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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